

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
WALTER E. HOFFMAN UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE
600 GRANBY STREET
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23510-1915**

**CHAMBERS OF
ARENDA L. WRIGHT ALLEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

**CHAMBERS NO.
757-222-7061**

PROCEDURE FOR CIVIL MOTIONS

This case has been assigned to United States District Judge Arenda L. Wright Allen.

Pursuant to Local Rule 7, a brief shall accompany all motions (unless excepted by the rule). Courtesy copies of briefs are not required unless the filing, including exhibits, exceeds fifty (50) pages.

Unless otherwise directed by Judge Allen, all discovery issues shall be directed to the Magistrate Judge assigned to the civil action. See Local Rule 26 for discovery motion procedures.

After all briefs pertaining to a non-discovery motion are filed, it is incumbent upon counsel for the moving party to confer with opposing counsel and then advise the Clerk's Office by "Notice" whether a ruling or determination based upon the briefs alone (without oral argument) is desired.

Requests for oral argument should be electronically filed with the Clerk's Office. If Judge Allen determines that she will grant a request for oral argument, or if she requests oral argument, counsel will be notified by the Judge's Courtroom Deputy or her Judicial Assistant of this decision, and a date and time will be selected.

If neither party requests oral argument on a motion, and the Judge declines to request oral argument, that motion will be referred to Judge Allen and taken under advisement when the time for full briefing has expired.

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NOTICE

CONSENT TO TRIAL BY MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73 and 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) you may request to have your case conducted before a United States Magistrate Judge upon consent of all parties and approval by a United States District Judge. In order to proceed before a Magistrate Judge, a consent form must be filed with the Clerk's Office. It may be filed jointly or separately. The consent form may be printed from the U.S. District Court website (listed below) or obtained from the Clerk's Office. Please refer to the previously mentioned rule for further information.

FINANCIAL INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1, a financial disclosure statement must be filed by a "nongovernmental corporation, partnership, trust, [or] other similar entity that is a party to, or that appears in, an action or proceeding in this Court." This statement should be filed with the party's "first appearance, pleading, petition, motion, response, or other request addressed to the Court". The financial interest disclosure statement may be printed from the U.S. District Court website (listed below) or obtained from the Clerk's Office. Please refer to the previously mentioned rule for further information. Failure to file the financial interest disclosure statement as required by Local Rule 7.1 will result in this first submission being filed subject to defect by the Clerk.

WEBSITE AND CLERK'S OFFICES ADDRESSES

The website address for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia is www.vaed.uscourts.gov. If you do not have access to a computer, contact one of the Clerk's Offices listed below to obtain either of these forms:

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Alexandria, VA 22314
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Norfolk, VA 23510
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701 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
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United States Courthouse
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Newport News, VA 23607
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